

ed to God. He was sympathetic and practical, and the office work of the Divine Philanthropist is still unfolding to its perfect conclusion.—Henry Baker.

The Discipline of Grace

We have admired the military discipline which took the young recruit, who had come from the mountains into camp, with his stooping body and slouching gait, and generally awkward appearance, his rags, his dirt and his wholly disorderly habits of mind, and straightened him out, and cleaned him up, and changed his step, and, most remarkable of all, made him orderly in his habits and obedient to his superiors in office. But here, planned by the grace of our God, is a discipline which takes men crooked in character and makes them upright, which takes them unclean in heart and makes them pure in heart, which takes them disobedient to God and makes them delight in His law. Here is a discipline which takes a sinner in all his sinfulness and out of him makes a soldier ready for a holy war and a saint meet for the inheritance in light. This the discipline that God has provided for us. This is the discipline under whose influence He expects us to place and keep ourselves —W. S. Fulton.

The Model Citizen

Before us lies the twentieth century, big with possibilities, palpitation with the splendor of new achievements whose outcome is as yet but dimly preceived; a century whose auspicious opening gives promise of progress beyond the wildest dreams of prophecy; a century ushered in by that sudden movement which thrust America, as it were, unwillingly out into the open arena of the world's affairs, laid upon her back the white man's burden, declared that from this time on Columbia must be a factor in every great world movement of men and nations, and gave new force to the cry "The world for America and America for the world."

"In this time of tremendous crisis what of the future? It rests with the individual man. He is a citizen; not the chattel of government, as the peasant of Russia, nor the slave of government, as the miserable subjects of the Sultan. But he is a man and a citizen. Nay, in his own right a king. His rulers are his servants. His government

"Broad based upon the people's will
And compassed by the inviolate sea."

With the character of her citizenship, then, the nation stands or falls. He must be no pessimist but an optimist, with faith in God and humanity and the future. He must be no blind partisan, but a man who has a conscience and who reverences that conscience as his king. He must be broad enough to study all issues; narrow enough to hold to the paramount ones. He must be a voter and worker not a cynical dilettante or political dude. Above all he must hear, over the clatter of the political arena, and the braying of the cheap politicians, the voice of God and translate its message on his ballot.—C. F. Wishart.

The Shadow of Death

When the late William McKinley looked into the fair face of her whose love he won in his early manhood and spoke of the better land he was not afraid, and of cheer and hope so comforted the broken heart that he might have said to her "Ever since God came to me in the little church at Portland, O., He has journeyed with me with His unfailing promises and now the angels come to escort me up and out into the heaven of God."

Christ is indeed the "Good Shepherd," our restorer and leader. He brought David back to the right condition thru His kindly providence. So He will bring back any soul which has become discouraged. When we see God's great tenderness toward the lost, His unmeasured compassion is looking out for any soul that has fallen by the way, we get a new idea of God's mercy. The Lord's ways alone are righteous ways. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. But when men sell their comfort, their selfishness, or their ambition for gain they go in wrong paths. When selfishness declares "I will be rich at any price" or when ambition seeks selfish ambition alone for self-gratification it is not God's way. It was this that marred so greatly the life of Napoleon Bonaparte. But when we follow God's leadership and are in harmony with God's will we are in righteous ways.—W. B. Slutz.

The Profane Man.

They may shout for the flag, but he only is a true patriot who obeys the laws of his country, and nearly, if not quite all, the States of our Union forbid such profanity on the part of its citizens.

The profane man is not a true gentleman. The laws of society forbid the use of this language; they are unwritten, it may be, but nevertheless entitled to our respect. Profane men recognize those laws in part, in that unless especially vile they will not employ such language in the presence of ladies, unless it be their own wives. But it is not what they suppress that indicates their character, but what they do. Hence, violating the laws of society they are not true gentlemen.—T. J. Leak.

Missions

The Chicago Property

What you feel you ought to do, please do quickly. Hundreds of our brethren and sisters are convinced no doubt, that they ought to help pay that beautiful church. It is all right to keep on thinking about it, but let us also act, and that more rapidly. It will only cost a cent or two to forward your pledge to Brother Cassel, and in the absence of ready cash, pledges from honorable people are a great comfort. Within a month your board ought to know what the brotherhood will pay, and how much we must borrow. Time is short. Either the pastor, or an active member in each congregation, should make a canvas at once, so that money

and pledges will all be on hand in a few weeks. You should not excuse yourself, because you have not as yet built and paid for a church at home. Some day perhaps you will build one, then maybe, this bread cast on the waters will return. No one should decline, because they have no parsonage of their own. For I consider it entirely true, that we are getting this fine large parsonage for nothing. I have no idea that we could buy four such lots in Chicago, and build the church alone for less than \$6,000.

This is indeed a beautiful providence, which is offering us such an easy opportunity, to put our Chicago brethren and sisters in excellent temporal condition, and all debate on the subject should be considered closed. Times are good now. Money is plenty and bringing little interest. This is a good time to pay debts. Doubtless, in a few years, times will be hard again, and cash hard to get. believing this, then it would seem a good stroke of business to pay the entire \$6,000 at once.

I find our members everywhere delighted with this purchase. Already many are planning to go to conference, who have never been there, so that when the spirit of the Lord works mightily among his people, they may be participators in the showers of b'essings. I pray that this spirit may not be quenched; and for at least a month, one or more energetic persons, in every community, may make an active canvass, and report promptly to Brother Cassel.

SAMUEL LICHTY.

Falls City, Nebraska.

Chicago Mission

It was a pleasure accorded to us to attend the Bible and Missionary conventions held at Falls City Neb. and Hamlin, and Morrill Kan. Here are churches that does one's soul good to meet with. First we went to Falls City, and just began the meetings on Oct. 4, when we were called to Colo, to visit my aged mother whose health is failing; this was a pleasure I have looked forward to all summer, even tho I had but a few days to spend with her, they were days that were appreciated. I left her some better. Returning to Falls City, I rejoiced in the meeting which had been running thru the week under the able ministry of Brethren Ditch, Bauman, Lichty and many other zealous local workers. Here is a church, that is ever at the front in missionary and general church work of all kinds. Scarcely any aggressive movement in the church but has a representation in the churches at Falls City and Silver Creek.

The Falls City and Silver Creek churches have to my certain knowledge sent in over \$250 for missionary purposes in the past three months, in addition to their liberal gifts to college, and other interests. This is praiseworthy indeed. The Bible convention was a success in more ways than one. About \$105 was contributed by these two churches at this meeting for missions. From